

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Bob Lake, on April 12, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None  
Executive Action: SB 210; SB 539; SB 375; SB 549  
SB 201

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 201**

00:04:34 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:04:58 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **SB 201 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(tah77a01)

**Discussion:**

00:05:14 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division  
00:06:30 Rep. Erickson  
00:07:00 Chairman Lake  
00:07:20 Rep. Cohenour  
00:07:55 Rep. Erickson  
00:08:10 Chairman Lake

00:10:04 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with  
Rep. Ross voting by proxy.

00:10:41 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN**  
**AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:10:48 Rep. Sonju  
00:11:14 Rep. Cohenour  
00:12:03 Chairman Lake  
00:12:35 Jeff Martin  
00:13:23 Rep. Erickson  
00:13:47 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:14:21 Rep. Butcher  
00:15:17 Rep. Jopek

00:15:52 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 13-5 by roll call vote with Reps.  
Blasdel, Hilbert, Lambert, Ross, and Sonju voting no  
and Rep. Ross voting by proxy. Rep. MacLaren will carry  
SB 201.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210**

00:17:21 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 210 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:17:59 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 210 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(tah77a02)

**Discussion:**

00:18:11 Jeff Martin  
00:21:43 Rep. Cohenour  
00:23:09 Rep. Vincent  
00:23:27 Rep. Sonju  
00:23:42 Rep. Cohenour  
00:24:02 Chairman Lake  
00:24:23 Rep. Cohenour  
00:24:32 Rep. Butcher

00:25:18 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 6-12 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Lake, Butcher, Ross, Sonju, and Vincent voting aye with Rep. Ross voting by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:26:14 Chairman Lake  
00:27:01 Rep. Cohenour  
00:28:09 Rep. Butcher  
00:29:21 Rep. Lambert  
00:29:43 Rep. Cohenour  
00:30:11 Rep. Erickson  
00:30:53 Rep. Hamilton

00:31:16 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye and Rep. Ross voting by proxy.

00:32:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 210 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Ross voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 375**

00:32:44 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 375 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:32:47 Rep. Jopek left the hearing

00:33:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 375 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(tah77a03)

**Discussion:**

00:33:27 Rep. Cohenour  
00:33:49 Chairman Lake  
00:34:14 Rep. Cohenour

00:34:35 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 9-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Erickson, Hilbert, Lake, McAlpin, Nooney, Ross, Sonju, and Vincent voting aye and Reps. Ross and Jopek voting by proxy.

00:35:36 Rep. Jopek returned to hearing

**Discussion:**

00:35:50 Rep. Erickson

00:36:54 Rep. Butcher

00:39:02 Chairman Lake

00:39:53 Rep. Cohenour

00:40:07 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 14-4 by roll call vote with Reps. Erickson, Hamilton, Jopek, and McAlpin voting no and Rep. Ross voting by proxy. Rep. Cohenour will carry SB 375.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 549**

00:41:09 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 549 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:41:48 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 549 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(tah77a04)

**Discussion:**

00:41:59 Jeff Martin

00:43:41 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Ross voting by proxy.

00:44:03 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 549 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:16 Rep. Erickson

00:45:01 Rep. Lambert

00:45:52 Jeff Martin

00:46:28 Rep. Erickson

00:46:37 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote with Rep. Ross voting by proxy. Rep. Lambert will carry SB 549.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 539**

00:47:45 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 539 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:50:28 Break

01:11:00 Reconvene

01:11:01 Rep. Ross arrived at hearing

01:11:34 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 539 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(tah77a05)

**Discussion:**

01:12:31 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

01:14:58 Rep. Erickson

01:15:19 Gene Walborn

01:16:23 Rep. Erickson

01:16:44 Rep. Ross

01:17:08 Chairman Lake

01:17:33 Rep. Ross

01:17:50 Rep. Cohenour

01:20:24 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

**Discussion:**

01:21:12 Rep. Sonju

01:22:14 Rep. McAlpin

01:22:36 Rep. Cohenour

01:23:48 Rep. Butcher

01:24:57 Rep. Grinde

01:25:25 Rep. Erickson

01:26:01 Chairman Lake

01:26:25 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

01:27:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 539 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

**Additional Exhibit:**

**EXHIBIT**(tah77a06)

Pertaining to SB 138 heard in Committee on April 11, 2007

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

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REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT** ([tah77aad.pdf](#))